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News Release

HPD Investigating Credit Card Thefts and Forgeries

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As a follow up to the media release last week in reference to credit card larcenies and fraud, the HPD has obtained warrants and arrested one and actively searching for another suspect.

On Friday February 8, the Criminal Investigations Division obtained warrants for two individuals in relation to the larceny/theft of credit cards and their fraudulent use at local department stores.

Michael Andrew Webb, 20, of Churchville, VA, has been arrested and is charged with the following;

- Twenty-one (21) felony counts of conspiracy to commit a felony (18.2-22)
- Two (2) misdemeanor counts of entering a vehicle with the intent to commit a crime (18.2-147)
- Two (2) felony counts of grand larceny (18.2-95)
- Six (6) felony counts of credit card larceny (18.2-192)
- Two (2) felony counts of credit card fraud (18.2-195)
- Three (3) felony counts of receiving goods fraudulently (18.2-197)
- Three (3) felony counts of credit card forgery (18.2-193)
- Two (2) felony counts of identity theft (18.2-186.3)
- Thee (3) felony counts of money laundering (18.2-246.3)

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Joshua Russell Rankin, 35, of Staunton, VA is wanted for the following charges

- Two (2) misdemeanor counts of entering a vehicle with the intent to commit a crime (18.2-147)
- One (1) felony count of principal in the 2nd degree to grand larceny (18.2-18/18.2-95)
- Six (6) felony counts of principal in the 2nd degree to credit card larceny (18.2-18/18.2-192)
- Two (2) felony counts of principal in the 2nd degree to credit card fraud (18.2-18/18.2-195)
- Three (3) felony counts of principal in the 2nd degree to receiving goods fraudulently (18.2-18/18.2-197)
- Three (3) felony counts of principal in the 2nd degree to credit card forgery (18.2-18/18.2-193)
- Two (2) felony counts of principal in the 2nd degree to identity theft (18.2-18/18.2-186.3)
- Three (3) felony counts of principal in the 2nd degree to money laundering (18.2-18/18.2-246.3)
- Twenty (20) felony counts of conspiracy to commit a felony (18.2-22)

Michael Andrew Webb is currently incarcerated at the Middle River Regional Jail. Anyone who has information on the whereabouts of Joshua Russell Rankin is asked to contact the Harrisonburg Police Department.

Callers are able to remain anonymous by calling Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050. Tipsters may also text "HPD" plus their tip to CRIMES (274637).